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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN SALVADOR J404

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GOES REQUEST FOR COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT FOR BORDER
AREA

REF: (A) TEGUCIGALPA 3597

(B) IR 6 829 0064 76 DAO SALVADOR MESSAGE

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1. MOD COL. CASTILLO YANES CALLED DATT TO HIS OFFICE MORNING
OF JULY 26 AND TOLD HIM THAT, AFTER CLEARING THE REQUEST WITH
PRESIDENT MMNINA, HE AND GOES WISHED TO SUBMIT REQUEST VERBALLY
FOR USG ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING RADIO COMMUNICATION EQUIP-

MENT FOR DEPLOYMENT AT SALVADORAN-HONDURAN FRONTIER (SEE REFTEL
B). MOD SAID FORMAL WRITTEN REQUEST WOULD FOLLOW.

2. CHIEF-OF-STAFF ROJAS THEN DESCRIBED EXACT NATURE OF DESIRED
EQUIPMENT TO DATT AND MILGRP COMMANDER. THE GOES ASKED FOR
TWO FM RADIOS WITH A MINIMUM FIVE WATT CAPACITY FOR TRANS-
MISSION FROM TWO SLAVADORAN POINTS TO HONDURAN RECEIVERS,
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AND ENOUGH WIRE FOR TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION FROM THOSE TRANS-
MITTERS TO TWO MILITARY COMMAND STATIONS BEHIND THE FRONTIER ON
A TOTAL OF 30 MILES OF WIRE. THE TWO FORWARD RADIO POINTS
WILL BE ZAZALAPA AND MONTECA. ROJAS SAID THE TWO POINTS WILL

BE PLACED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS OF THE SAN JOSE AGREEMENT. THE RADIO OPERATORS WILL BE SALVADORANS. HE ALSO SAID THAT IF THIRD COUNTRY OBSERVERS ARE NEEDED LATER IN THESE AREAS, THEY COULD ALWAYS ASSUME OPERATION OF THE NET. ROJAS ADDED THAT IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY TO REQUEST AN ADDITIONAL THREE POINTS LATER - AT SABANETAS, LAS PILAS AND LA POY.

3. ROJAS ASKED FOR IMMEDIATE RESPONSE ON REQUEST. HE DID NOT MENTION PAYMENT FOR EQUIPMENT, BUT DID INDICATE THAT GOES IS AWARE GOH HAS OFFERED TO PAY UP TO 50 PERCENT.

4. IN LIGHT OF THE POTENTIAL TINDERBOX SITUATION AT BORDER, AND THE OBVIOUS BENEFIT TO ALL PARTIES OF IMPROVED COMMUNICATION CAPABILITIES TO AVERT REPEATING PROBLEMS OF LAST WEEK, WE CONCUR WITH AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA'S RECOMMENDATION (REFTEL A) THAT THESE REQUESTS BE GIVEN PROMPT AND FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION.
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